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<p align="center">Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</p>	<p>Application No. 10/550,056</p>	<p>Applicant(s) SUH ET AL.</p>	
	<p>Examiner THIEM PHAN</p>	<p>Art Unit 3729</p>	

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 22 April 2009 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
- (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
- (c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
- The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
- Claim(s) allowed: _____.
- Claim(s) objected to: _____.
- Claim(s) rejected: _____.
- Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____
13. ☐ Other: _____.

/Phan Thiem/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3729
May 13, 2009

Continuation of 11.: Applicants' remarks filed on 04/22/09 re-traversing Claims 1-13 and 16-20 are hold not to be persuasive for the following reasons:

First, applicants' assertions that the prior art Tanaka et al do not teach an antistatic layer tray to protect electronic devices are technically wrong because Tanaka et al's tray is all made of conductive material and once a single corner of the tray is grounded, the whole tray is grounded and there is no built-up static electricity at any part of the tray, which safeguards the entire electronic device installed anyway in the tray. Technically, Tanaka et al's tray is the best and logical solution for antistatic protection.

Second, the current invention, maybe due to cost saving material, teaches a nonconductive material tray that needs to be coated with conductive material at some area in the tray having contact with the electronic devices in order to ground the electronic devices for antistatic protection but this current process requires additional labor costs for separated coated conductive material and the process of coating that conductive material after the tray manufacturing or molding.

Third, Comiskey et al teach a process of coating a conductive material layer on a nonconductive material in order to obtain desired pattern of conductive coating. If the cost of the amount of conductive material used in the mixture to form the whole tray entirely conductive and antistatic is higher than the cost of limited amount of conductive material used in desired pattern on the non-conductive tray surface plus the labor of coating that limited conductive material, which is doubtful, it would be obvious to modify Tanaka et al's method by applying selective coating of conductive material, as taught by Comiskey et al, in order to obtain desired pattern of conductive material on the tray and make it conductive for antistatic protection of mounted electronic devices. Therefore, Tanaka et al in view of Comiskey et al at a minimum teach the claimed invention.

The remainder of the claims, i.e. Claims 2-13 and 16-21, stand rejected with the reasoning for their rejections carefully articulated in the previous Office Actions and in view of the responses in the above paragraph.